

STATE OF WISCONSIN

-VS-

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

No. 13-CF-

D.A. Case No. 2013LI000522

Mark J Bucki
N2034 Wegner Road
Merrill, WI 54452
DOB: 02/22/1964
Sex/Race: M/W
Eye Color: Hazel
Hair Color: Brown
Height: 6 ft 1 in
Weight: 205 lbs

Mark Gartmann, being first duly sworn, on oath states as follows:

Count 1: FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE

The above-named defendant on or about Friday, April 26, 2013, at N 2034 Wegner Road, Merrill WI 54452, in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of Anita G Bucki, with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1) (a), 939.50(3) (a) Wis. Stats., a Class A Felony, and upon conviction shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Count 2: HIDING A CORPSE

The above-named defendant on or about Friday, April 26, 2013, at N 2034 Wegner Road, Merrill WI 54452, in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, did hide the corpse of Anita Bucki with the intent to conceal a crime, contrary to sec. 940.11(2), 939.50(3)(g) Wis. Stats., a Class G Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than ten (10) years, or both.

Count 3: STRANGULATION AND SUFFOCATION

The above-named defendant on or about Friday, April 26, 2013, at N 2034 Wegner Road, Merrill WI 54452, in the Town of Corning, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, did intentionally impede the normal breathing by applying pressure on the throat or neck of Anita Bucki, contrary to sec. 940.235(1), 939.50(3)(h) Wis. Stats., a Class H Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), or imprisoned not more than six (6) years, or both.

Your complainant prays that the defendant be dealt with according to law. That the basis for your complainant's charge of such offense is as follows: That he is lieutenant assigned to supervise the detective's bureau of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. That your complainant, with the assistance of other law enforcement officers. Began an investigation of the disappearance of Anita Bucki from the home of her estranged husband located at N2034 Wegner Road, Merrill Wisconsin on April, 26, 2013. Your complainant arrived at the aforesaid address at 8:43 PM on said date. Once at the scene your complainant spoke with the defendant Mark J. Bucki. The defendant told me that he and his wife Anita were separated and that she was living in Wausau. The defendant stated that Anita arrived at the Wegner Road Residence at 9:00 PM on April 25, 2013 and they discussed divorce for 2 or 3 hours. The defendant went to bed after the discussion and told

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Anita she could stay the night. The defendant said that he awoke at 4:50 AM on April 26, 2013 to find his spouse was gone. The defendant told me that he had a temper and that Anita was scared of him. When asked if his April 25th discussion with Anita ever became heated he admitted to raising his voice.

The defendant told me that between 2:30PM and 5:00PM on April 26, 2013, he cleaned some of Anita's belongings out of the basement, ripped carpeting out of a bedroom and burned these items. The defendant admitted that there was a \$150,000 life insurance policy on Anita's life and that Anita had sent him a text message instructing him that if anything happened to her he should split the life insurance with their son.

That, with the defendant's consent, law enforcement searched the defendant's home and associated property. Your complainant searched the defendant's 1993 black Chevrolet pickup truck. The bed of the pickup was covered with a topper. When I looked into the pickup's bed I saw two human hand prints one of which appeared larger than the other. I could smell the odor of a household cleanser and I noticed that half of the bed was covered with dirt or dust but that the other half of the bed appeared to have been cleaned. During the search Anita Bucki's car, car keys, cell phone, purse and jacket were also discovered in the house.

On April 29, 2013 your complainant obtained a search warrant for the defendant's Wegner Road home. Law enforcement officers, under my direction, and forensic technicians from the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory searched the defendant's home. Blood was found on the living room carpet, on the defendant's boots, on a pair of men's jeans and on the brim of a hat. We were assisted in the search by a cadaver dog trained to search for the smell of decomposing human flesh and to ignore all other odors. The dog indicated the presence of decomposition in the bed of the black Chevrolet truck, the defendant's boots, the main floor shower, a burn barrel in the yard, a lawn roller and what appeared to be a shallow but unoccupied grave.

On May 10, 2013 your complainant was notified by the Taylor County Sheriff's Department that they had located a female body in their jurisdiction. The corpse was wearing a blouse that appeared to match the blouse that Anita Bucki had been wearing just prior to her disappearance.

On May 11, 2013 your complainant was present for the autopsy of the female found in Taylor County. The pathologist, Dr. Steihr pointed out bruising on the interior flesh of the victim's throat which he said was consistent with strangulation and seven knife wounds to the chest. On May 12, 2013 your affiant was informed by Dr. Simley, a forensic dentist, that he had positively identified the female body, found in Taylor County, as that of Anita Bucki.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me
And approved for filing on:

5/14/13

Dated:



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